



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0271)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Mark Burman, Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, 2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Barry Waite, Commissioner Tyler Kelley, Commissioner Andrew Friedman and Commissioner Jules Bagneris III

Excused: Commissioner Rodrigo Guerra Jr., Commissioner Jesse Gabriel and Commissioner Alexander Ponder

Call to Order. (14-0076)

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mark Burman at 9:43 a.m.

2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Election of Officers. (14-0081)

Chairperson Mark Burman opened the floor for the election of officers.

Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta nominated Chairperson Mark Burman to continue to serve as Chairperson.

On motion of Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Barry Waite and unanimously carried, Mark Burman was reelected Chairperson for 2014.

Commissioner Barry Waite nominated Vice Chairperson Archuleta and

2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes to continue to serve for 2014.

On motion of Commissioner Barry Waite, seconded by Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta and unanimously carried, Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta and 2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes were reelected to serve for 2014.

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2013. (14-0083)

On motion of Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Barry Waite, and unanimously carried, the minutes of December 3, 2013 were approved.

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3. Review and approval of the Commission's 2014 Meeting Schedule. (14-0084)

Staff presented the Local Governmental Services Commission meeting schedule for 2014 to the Commission for review and approval. On motion of Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairperson Jess Talamantes and unanimously carried, the schedule was approved.

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II. REPORTS

4. Chairperson's report on various items for the month of January 2014. (14-0167)

Chairperson Mark Burman advised the Commissioners to submit pictures and biographies so that staff can update the website. He also encouraged the Commissioners to submit new agenda items for the year.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation titled "What Works: Plans, Models, and Best Practices in a Living Epistle"

- Brad Carson, Founder
Jobs Create Peace (14-0107)

Mr. Brad Carson, founder, Jobs Create Peace presented a presentation entitled "What Works". Mr. Carson stated that his mission is to create safe communities by breaking the cycle of repeat criminal offenders and intergenerational gang violence by addressing the spiritual, social and

economic root causes. He also stated that with steady income and education, the cycle of repeat offenses can be broken and success can be achieved. Mr. Carson further stated that there are four factors to aid in identifying the problems and solutions; crime, unemployment, lack of education, and poverty. Additionally, these factors are all interrelated with age, race, and gender being a targeted population. This program has designed four core steps to be completed that will guarantee a job and teach basic life skills.

Vice Chairperson Bob Archuleta thanked Mr. Carson for his presentation and advised him to look into other programs with the Los Angeles Unified School District that can aid in helping former inmate obtain General Education Development (GED).

Chairperson Mark Burman also thanked Mr. Carson for his presentation and requested ways that the Commission can help. Mr. Carson referred the Commissioners to item number 10 on the handout that states "Fund and identify needs assessment and resource mapping and do a gap analysis for future funding priorities.

Commissioner Jules Bagneris recommended that the realignment sub-committee review the report to identify what the Commission supports and report back to the Commission for recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

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6. Presentation on the Los Angeles County Court Closures.

- Assistant Chief Michel R. Moore, LAPD (14-0122)

Assistant Chief Michel Moore, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), reported that Los Angeles County has been faced with downsizing and shortage in funding as relates to court services throughout California. He stated that law enforcement has few opportunities to express to Commissions and public assembly's good news pertaining to the state's fiscal crisis and the downsizing of services that has affected the entire region throughout the recession.

During the first eight months of the court realignment, downsizing court operations in Los Angeles County, the Honorable Judge David Wesley and staff worked diligently to organize a scale back that has minimal impact on law enforcement particularly LAPD. There were many

consequences that LAPD and prosecutors viewed as negatives and how LAPD would interact with the court system and on public safety. LAPD met with Judge Wesley and his staff and they began to map out all the various activities and court functions on the criminal and civil side. Through the complex operation they identified the stakeholders and were able to balance out their needs. Many problems arose, such as, the closure of the juvenile court in south Los Angeles and having to redirect the cases to another court. When LAPD identified the likeliness of gang violence and retaliation on the families, the court immediately redirected the cases to a more neutral court or other location. Similarly with East Los Angeles court the impact would have involved LAPD picking up and transporting arrestees and paperwork to East Los Angeles from downtown. With hearing LAPD, District Attorney, public defender and others concerns, Judge Wesley found a solution to maintain the cases within the Criminal Courts Building.

AC Moore concluded by saying the impact of court closures and downsizing has been minimized. LAPD hopes the closures are not permanent and hopes that local courts can be reopened and services returned to a neighborhood level. Secondly, they wish to see technology continue to advance forward in the criminal justice system so that the department can benefit from the electronic filing system and electronic case management as opposed to the paper system. He further stated that they are looking to the Commission for support.

7. Presentation and Update: "Recovery Housing - Community Asset and the Effect of the Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) on Housing Options."
 - Jeff Christensen, Executive Director
The Sober Living Network (14-0123)

Jeff Christensen, Executive Director of the Sober Living Network (SNL), presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation entitled "Recovery Residences, Community Asset", highlighting the following points:

**The United States has an enormous drug and alcohol problem
Treatment Works – Recovery Happens
Housing is a Critical Component to Successful Recovery
Drug and Alcohol-free Housing is a Community Asset**

In providing updates, Mr. Christensen deferred the reporting to Mr. Dave Sheridan, Board Member, and Founder of the National Association of

Recovery Residents. Mr. Sheridan added to the presentation by outlining

- **Community Care Facilities Ordinance**
- **State Behavioral Health Consolidation**
- **Network activity in LA County**
- **Network activity nationally**
- **How the County can help**

**County recognition and support for residences certified by a state-recognized certifying organization (either the Network or CAARR)
Funding assistance to develop and deliver training to certified homes and to county agencies
Assistance for outreach, resident services and operational needs**

Both Mr. Christensen and Mr. Sheridan responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding the Sober Living Network and presented recommendations for the Commission to consider.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-0180)

There were no matters to be presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-0181)

There were no members of the public to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of January 7, 2014. (14-0182)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.